

In the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 4a-4d. This sheet replaces the original sheets, including Figures 4a-4d.

REMARKS

Amendments

Revisions to the Specification and Drawings

The Examiner requested correction of certain errors in the specification and drawings. In response, Applicant has amended the specification and drawings accordingly. No new matter has been added. The amendments are supported in the drawings or elsewhere in the specification at Figures 2, 3, and 4a-4d and/or in paragraphs 0023, 0025, and 0038.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended the claims to more particularly point out what Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, Applicant claims a monitoring controller device that monitors for a specified event associated with AV content being sent to a target device. Furthermore, Applicant claims the monitoring controller device generating a warning for a parent when the specified event is detected. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Objections

Objections to the Drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(p)(4)

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating the drawings contain duplicate reference signs. Applicant has corrected the inconsistencies and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

Objections to the Drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(p)(5)

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating the drawings contained reference signs that were not in specification. Applicant has corrected the inconsistencies and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claim 27 as containing informalities. Applicant has corrected the informalities and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-27

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sitnik, U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0020935 in view of Kerman, U.S. Pat. No. 5,639,366. Sitnik qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because it published after Applicant's effective filing date. Applicant does not admit that Sitnik is prior art and reserves the right to swear behind the reference at a later date. Applicant respectfully submits that the combination does not teach each and every element of the invention as claimed in claims 1-27, as amended.

Sitnik discloses peer-to-peer communications between televisions to allow one television access to audiovisual (AV) content information being sent to another television. A first television queries the second television for AV content information. The second television determines if the first television is permitted to access the AV content information and, if so, allows the second television to access the information.

Kerman discloses displaying a warning on a device based on the content received by the device.

Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Sitnik and Kerman does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of Applicant's claims 1-27. Independent claims 1, 12, 22, and 27, as amended, recite a monitoring controller device that monitors for a specified event, where the specified event is associated with AV content being sent to a target device. Furthermore, these claims recite that the monitoring controller device generates a warning for a parent when the specified event is detected. In contrast, Sitnik discloses peer-to-peer communications between two televisions that allow one television to access AV content information being sent to another television. Furthermore, Kerman merely discloses displaying a warning on the device that is currently receiving the AV content. Neither reference teaches or suggests a monitoring controller device that

monitors for a specified event associated with AV content being sent to a target device and this device generating a warning when the specified event is detected, as claimed. Therefore, the combination cannot render obvious Applicant's claims 1, 12, 22, and 27 and claims 2-11, 13-21, and 23-26 that depend on them. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination.

New Claims

New claims 28-31 have been added to further define the type of specified event being monitored and the type of device capable of receiving the warning. Applicant respectfully submits claims 28-31 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above for claims 1, 12, and 22.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-27 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Eric Replogle at (408) 720-8300 x258.

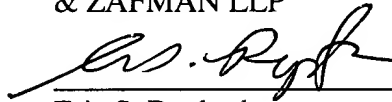
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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